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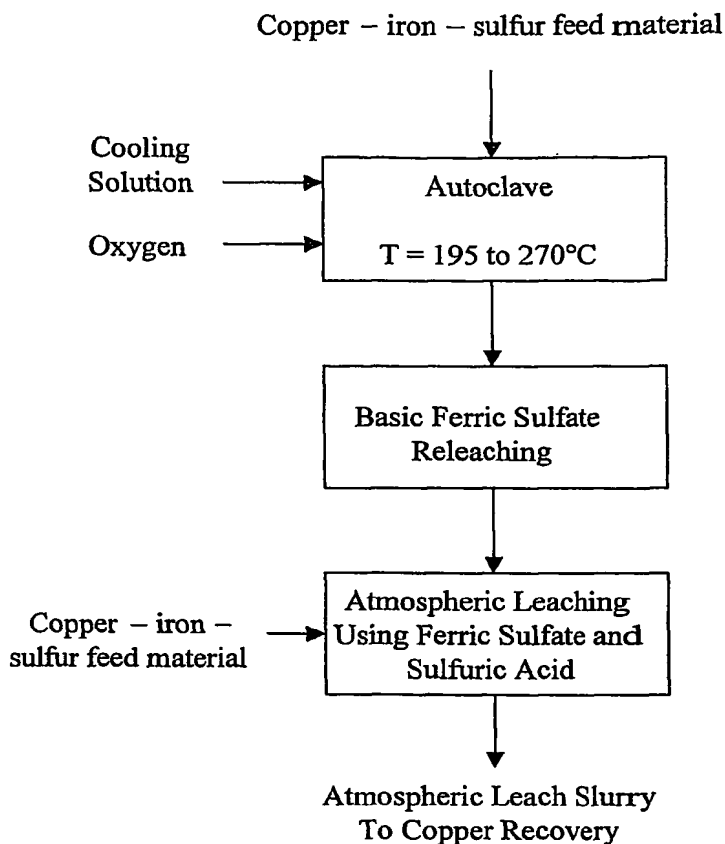
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method for leach extraction of copper/iron/sulphur ores and concentrates including leaching the mineral with an aqueous stream containing ferric ions and sulphuric acid in the presence of oxygen, the aqueous stream including a solution formed by reaction of basic ferric sulphate with excess sulphuric acid. Integrated methods of forming and releaching basic ferric sulphate are also described.



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